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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the substitute specification filed with the amendment mailed August 30, 2001, delete the paragraph that immediately follows the title (paragraph [1]) and add the following paragraph immediately after the title of the substitute specification:

> This patent is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/864,700 filed in the Patent Office on May 28, 1997 and . entitled "Improved Electronic Gaming Apparatus," now abandoned, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/107,031 filed in the Patent Office on June 29, 1998 and entitled "Method of Authenticating Game Data Sets in an Electronic Casino Gaming System," now U.S. Patent No.